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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**American and English Annotated Cases**, containing the Important Cases Selected from the Current American, Canadian and English Reports, thoroughly Annotated. Editors, William M. McKinney and H. Noyes Green. Volume 34. Ann. Cas. 1914 D. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, L. I., N. Y. 1915. Bancroft-Whitney Company. San Francisco. 1915. Price \$5.00.

This book is as usual a splendid compilation, splendidly annotated. Amongst the notes which we have examined with unusual pleasure is one on page 3, "Inadequacy of Price as Ground for Setting Aside Judicial Sale." "Civil Liability of Vendor or Manufacturer of Patent or Proprietary Medicine for Injury Caused by Use Thereof." "Identity of Parties and Issues as Condition to the Admissibility of Testimony Given in Former Proceedings by Witness Who Has Become Disqualified or Inaccessible" brings the annotations upon this subject in Twenty-One Annotated Cases 176 to date. The note on page 623 as to the Legal Meaning of Security or Securities is novel and valuable. We note that the case of Norfolk, etc., Traction Company v. Norfolk, 115 Va., is cited with a short note.

We never receive one of these volumes that we do not immediately examine it carefully and nearly always find something of immediate usefulness.

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**Essentials of the Law.** In Two Volumes. Volume 1. Blackstone Number Two. Elementary Law. A Review of Blackstone's Commentaries with Explanatory Notes for the Use of Students at Law. 2nd Edition. By Marshall D. Ewell, LL. D., Late President and Dean of the Kent College of the Law at Chicago. Author of "Ewell on Fixtures," etc., etc. Albany, New York. Matthew Bender & Company, Incorporated. 1915. Price \$4.50.

In the year 1882 the reviewer purchased a little volume called "Ewell's Essentials of the Law" and read it not only with pleasure but with great profit, and when the other two volumes of the same series by the same author were published the reviewer hastened to purchase them, and not only read them but lent them out to a good many of his young friends who engaged in the study of the law. It is, therefore, with the very greatest pleasure that we hail this new edition in regular law book size, brought up to date, not only in matter but in manner. We can hardly recommend this new volume too highly, not only to law students and lawyers but to all who are interested in legal subjects. Blackstone's Commentaries, the reading of which is entirely too much neglected now-a-days, is not only a book every lawyer ought to read, but one which every man interested in legal subjects should not fail to peruse carefully. Mr. Ewell's work, whilst abbreviating a good deal of the obsolete law, leaves enough to give a historical sequence and enables one to take in at a glance English law from its foundation.

The work is admirably done and we unhesitatingly say that this is the best edition of Blackstone for the student which has ever been published and one from which no person can fail to derive pleasure and profit by its perusal.